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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips, or similar events undertaken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make the second page of this form publicly available as soon as possible after it is filed.

Name of Traveler (print or type): Igor Birman

I certify that the information contained on all pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:

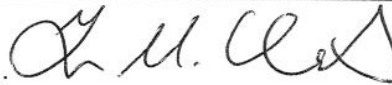


DATE: 7/15/09

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on this form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Tom McClintock, M.C.

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:



DATE: 7/15/09

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1. Name of Traveler (print or type): Igor Birman
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): None
 - b. Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: June 27, 2009 - July 5, 2009
 - b. Dates at personal expense (if any): None
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington - Tel Aviv - San Francisco
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended various meetings to broaden my understanding of the U.S. - Israel relationship. See full itinerary.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by the trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. ☒ the Traveler Form completed by the employee; *and*
 - c. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒
 - b. If not, explain: _____
9. **TRAVEL EXPENSES:** *Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.*

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$2118.09	\$1746.00	\$754.70
For accompanying family member:	0	0	0
	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)	
For employee:	\$1051.03	Security: \$459.54; Tour guide: \$177.27; Entrance fees: \$26.36; Speaker fees: \$216.11; Room rentals: \$87.90; Tips: \$52.92; Misc: \$30.93	
For accompanying family member:	0	0	

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. *You must answer every question on the form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached list.
Please see attached list.
6. Dates of travel: June 27 - July 5, 2009
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington DC - Tel Aviv - Washington DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ *or*
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ *or*
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. N/A -- I checked 9(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ *or*
 - c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. Check one:
- I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ or
 - N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education. ☐
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is responsible for recruiting, coordinating and executing all aspects of this trip.
13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):
coach class on a commercial airline
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: n/a
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or
 - The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$100 per day
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip takes place in Israel in order to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Sheraton Tel Aviv, Nof Ginosar Tiberias
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Dan Panorama Jerusalem \$297; Sheraton Tel Aviv \$281; Nof Ginosar Tiberias \$146
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: location and affordability

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1827.40 air / \$300 ground	\$1912	\$700
For each accompanying family member			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1175	Please see addendum with detailed cost breakdown.
For each accompanying family member		

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name and title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Fax number: (202) 347-4889

Email Address: rfishman@aipac.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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AIEF Congressional Staff: Educational Seminar in Israel
June 27 – July 5, 2009
Addendum

Breakdown of “Other” Expenses

Security \$500 per person

– AIEF places the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the duration of the trip. Although costly, these security measures are an unfortunate reality in Israel.

Tour Guide \$175 per person

- A licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Entrance Fees \$50 per person

– Several sites require an entrance fee, including the Southern wall excavations and the Davidson Museum in Jerusalem; and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee including Capernaum and the Mt. of Beatitudes. Yad Vashem does not charge an entrance fee, but there is fee for the guided tour.

Speaker Fees \$180 per person

– Honoraria for guest speakers

Room Rentals \$45 per person

– The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Tips \$40 per person

– It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Commemorative Photo Album \$45 per person

- A personally inscribed commemorative album of photos taken of trip participants during meetings and site visits to be given to each trip participant at a subsequent presentation.

Other \$140 per person

– Water, snacks, speaker meals, briefing materials, misc.

**AIEF Congressional Staff
Educational Seminar in Israel
June 27-July 5, 2009**

HOUSE INVITEES

FIRST	LAST	MOC	P	ST	DIST	EXPLANATION
Chris	Alsup	Rep. John Carter	R	TX	31	Legislative Director to Rep. John Carter (R-TX), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Nina	Besser	Rep. Janice Schakowsky	D	IL	9	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL), who serves on the relevant House Intelligence Committee.
Igor	Birman	Rep. Tom McClintock	R	CA	4	Chief of Staff to Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional Staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Justin	Cajinos	Rep. Debbie Halvorson	D	IL	11	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Debbie Halvorson (D-IL). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional Staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Michael	Cravens	Rep. Gregg Harper	R	MS	3	Chief of Staff to Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MD), who serves on the relevant House Budget Committee.
Julie	Fishman	Rep. Heath Shuler	D	NC	11	Handles the Israeli portfolio for Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional Staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Emily	Gibbons	Rep. Eliot Engel	D	NY	17	Legislative Director to Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Kristin	Glenn	Rep. Tom McClintock	R	CA	4	Legislative Director to Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional Staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Jonathan	Halpern	Rep. Sanford Bishop	D	GA	2	Legislative Director to Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Marc	Hanson	Rep. Sam Farr	D	CA	17	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Elizabeth	Hittos	Rep. Gus Bilirakis	R	FL	9	Legislative Counsel to Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs and House Homeland Security Committees.
Will	Jenkins	Rep. Tim Bishop	D	NY	1	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Tim Bishop (D-NY), who serves on the relevant House Budget Committee.
David	Klein	Rep. Patrick Murphy	D	PA	8	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-PA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services and House Intelligence Committees.

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Educational Seminar in Israel
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Brian	Klotz	Rep. Kevin McCarthy	R	CA	22	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), who serves on the relevant House Financial Services Committee.
Mark	Middaugh	Rep. Rick Larsen	D	WA	2	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services and House Budget Committees.
Jessica	Moore	Rep. Thomas Rooney	R	FL	16	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Thomas Rooney (R-FL), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Katy	Quinn	Rep. Adam Smith	D	WA	9	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services and House Intelligence Committees.
Bret	Rumbeck	Rep. Jim Costa	D	CA	20	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Benjamin	Schultz	Rep. John Fleming	R	LA	4	Legislative Director to Rep. John Fleming (R-LA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Aaron	Smith	Rep. Aaron Schock	R	IL	18	Legislative Director to Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional Staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Lee	Stewart	Rep. Mike Ross	D	AR	4	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Paul	Swanson	Rep. Harry Mitchell	D	AZ	5	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Harry Mitchell (D-AZ). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional Staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Minh	Ta	Rep. Keith Ellison	D	MN	5	Legislative Director to Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN), who serves on the relevant House Financial Services and House Foreign Affairs Committees.
Chad	Tanner	Rep. John Boccieri	D	OH	16	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. John Boccieri (D-OH), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Ann	Vaughan	Rep. Nita Lowey	D	NY	18	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), who serves as Subcommittee Chair of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Annie	Yea	Rep. Loretta Sanchez	D	CA	47	Foreign Policy LA to Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services and House Homeland Security Committees.

**AIEF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR IN ISRAEL
JUNE 27 – JULY 5, 2009**

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Ben-Gurion Airport – Jerusalem

- 4:40 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
- Transfer to Jerusalem
- Check in at the Dan Panorama Hotel
- 7:30 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation with Jerusalem Staff
- at the hotel, Alon Hall
- 8:00 PM *The Jewish Connection to the Land of Israel*
Dinner with Dr. Ian Stern
Archaeologist
- at the hotel, Alon Hall
- Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

Monday, June 29, 2009

Jerusalem

- 8:30 AM *Israel's Political Map*
Breakfast with David Horovitz
Editor-in-Chief, *The Jerusalem Post*
- at the hotel, Alon Hall
- 10:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
Part one: Old City and the Holy Basin
- Lunch en route
- Part two: Outlying Neighborhoods and the
Security Barrier
- 4:00 PM Depart for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 4:30 PM *Israel's Strategic Environment*
Meeting with David Segal
Director, Department for UN Political Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem Hall

5:30 PM Return to hotel and break

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *Neighborhood Overview*
Dinner with Avi Issacharoff
Arab Affairs Correspondent, *Ha'aretz*,
and Amos Harel
Military Affairs Correspondent, *Ha'aretz*
- at Darna

Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Jerusalem

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:15 AM Departure

8:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust
Memorial Museum

11:00 AM Departure

11:30 AM *Ingathering of Exiles: How Israel Integrates New Immigrants*
Visit to Mevasseret Zion Immigrant Absorption
Center and meet new immigrants

12:30 PM Depart

1:15 PM *The Palestinian Perspective on the Arab-Israeli Conflict*
Lunch with Issa Kassissieh
Deputy Head, Negotiations Support Unit,
The Palestinian Authority
- at the American Colony hotel, Pasha Hall

2:45 PM Depart for the U.S. Consulate

3:15 PM *A U.S. Diplomatic Assessment*
Meeting with Kyler Kronmiller
Political Officer, and
Christy Agor, Deputy Economic Chief
- at the U.S. Consulate

- 4:30 PM Depart
- 4:45 PM *Democracy and Asymmetrical Warfare*
Meeting with Daniel Reisner
Head, International Law Dept., HFN Law Firm
- at AIPAC's Office
- 6:00 PM *Israel's Regional Concerns – A View from The Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with Mark Regev
International Media Advisor to the Prime Minister
- at AIPAC's office
- 7:30 PM *The Israeli Political Scene Today*
Dinner with Advisors to Politicians from the Spectrum of Israeli Politics
Alon Poterman, Mati Gill and Jordana Luks Cutler
- at Olive and Fish
- Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Jerusalem – Tel Aviv

- 7:30 AM Check out
- 8:00 AM *Defensible Borders*
Breakfast with Dan Diker
Senior Policy Analyst
Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- at the hotel, Alon Hall
- 9:15 AM Departure
- 9:45 AM *Homeland Security Preparedness: Coping with Mass Casualties and Trauma-View from an Israeli Hospital*
Visit and Tour of Hadassah Hospital
Meet with Dr. Kobi Assaf and Chief Nurse Etti Ben Yaakov
- 11:00 AM Depart for the town of Sderot
- 1:00 PM *Living under the Threat of Qassam Missiles*
Visit to town of Sderot, bordering the Gaza Strip
Meet with Residents
- at Gvanim Association's Office

2:30 PM Departure

3:15 PM *Israel's Missile Defense System*
Visit to Palmachim Airbase

4:15 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:30 PM *Regional Strategic Assessment*
Meeting with Col. Shimon Arad
Head, Regional Strategic Division, IDF
- at the Kirya

7:00 PM Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel

7:40 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with Israelis from Different Walks of Life:
Gal Lousky, Amit and Yafit Marom, Shahar and Rachel Zehavi, Elad Wexler
- at GINA Gallery

Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, July 2, 2009

Tel Aviv – Israel's North

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

Check out

8:15 AM *Strategy for Securing Israel's Borders*
Depart for Israel's North
En route: Study tour of the Security Barrier

9:15 AM *The Security Barrier*
Visit to the West Bank settlement of Alfei Menashe,
with Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin
Former Foreign Media Advisor to the Prime
Minister

10:30 AM Depart for Israel's north

12:30 PM *Residential Education in Israel*
Visit to the Yemin Orde Youth Village
Lunch with students

2:30 PM Depart

4:00 PM *Northern Border Concerns*
Visit to Kibbutz Malkiya

6:00 PM Check in at the Nof Ginosar hotel

7:30 PM Dinner
- at Decks

Overnight at the Nof Ginosar hotel

Friday, July 3, 2009

Israel's North – Jerusalem

7:15 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

Check out

8:00 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Depart for tour of historical sites around the
Sea of Galilee

10:30 AM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns*
Strategic tour of the Israel-Syria Border

1:00 PM Lunch
- at Kibbutz Kfar Haruv Dining Hall

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

En route: Strategic Survey of Jordan Valley

6:00 PM Check in to the Dan Panorama Hotel

7:00 PM *Shabbat in Jerusalem*
Depart for the Old City
Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall

8:00 PM *Reflections on Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Festive traditional Sabbath Eve dinner
- at the home of Suzie and Tom Sawicki

Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

Saturday, July 4, 2009

Jerusalem – Dead Sea – Jerusalem – Ben-Gurion Airport

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 7:45 AM Depart for Masada and Dead Sea
- En route: *Making the Desert Bloom – Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas*
Discussion of Israeli advances in fighting the growth of desert areas
- 10:15 AM Tour of Masada National Archeological Site
- 1:30 PM Lunch and free time at the Dead Sea
- at Hod hotel
- 3:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 5:00 PM Return to hotel
- 5:30 PM Check out
- 6:30 PM *Bringing It All Together: The Importance of the U.S.-Israel Relationship*
Closing dinner with Jerusalem Staff
- at Tatti Loft
- 8:00 PM Depart for the Airport

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Mr. Igor Birman
Office of the Honorable Tom McClintock
508 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Birman:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel scheduled for June 27 to July 5, 2009 sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.


If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Chair

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Jo Bonner
Ranking Republican Member